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NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCES

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated April 21, 2009 in connection with the above-identified patent application, Applicants submit a Request for Continued Examination, a Petition for Extension of Time for two months, the appropriate Fees and the following Amendment.

Listing of the Claims begins on **page 2** of this paper.

Remarks begin on **page 9** of this paper.

Exhibit A is attached herewith.